

Kingdom of Christ, he reminds us, - is not of this world, and therefore his ministers, unless they be kings, cannot require obedience in his name. Their task is to proclaim the Kingdom of Christ, to teach what we must do in order to be received into the Kingdom of God when it comes. All other claims must be firmly resisted, above all those of the Bishop of Rome and his kingdom of darkness. " If a man consider the original of this great ecclesiastical dominion, he will easily perceive that the Papacy is no other than the ghost of the deceased Roman Empire, sitting crowned upon the grave thereof. For so did the Papacy start up on a sudden out of the ruins of that heathen power." His spiritual power, outside the bounds of his own papal state, was based on deluded people's fear of excommunication, on false miracles, false tradition, and false interpretations of scripture. Henry VIE and Elisabeth cast it out, but the danger was not entirely removed. Who knows that this spirit of Rome may not return, or rather an assembly of spirits, worse than he, enter and inhabit this clean-swept house and make the end thereof worse than the beginning ? For it is not the Roman clergy only that pretends the Kingdom of God to be of this world, and thereby to have a power therein, distinct from that of the civil state.", The closing page of the book claims that it contains nothing contrary to the word of God, to good manners, or to the public tranquillity. On the contrary it should be taught in the Universities, the fountains of civil and moral doctrine. For when men know their duties, they are less inclined to raise their hands against the state.

'Leviathan provoked a tempest of fury in royalist and Anglican circles. They were particularly incensed by his doctrine that theology was a department of politics, and by his

T>pen contempt for legitimism. " Those natural seeds of religion which God hath printed in the heart of man," declared Bishop Bramhall, " are more efficacious towards preservation of a society than his pacts and surrenders of powers. Without religion societies are like soap-bubbles/* The most substantial reply came twenty years later from the founder of the Tory party. *The brief View of the Dangerous and 'Pernicious Errors in Church and State in Mr. Hobbes's book,* written by Clarendon in exile, was dedicated to Charles H " I could not think of anything of more importance to Your Majesty's service than to confute Hobbes." His personal worth is ungrudgingly recognized. "A man of excellent parts, of great wit, of some